

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, The state of South Dakota is the home of Dorothy Rukstad, and we are richer because Dorothy lives among us; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Dorothy was born November 13, 1917, in Watertown, South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Dorothy married Burdette Rukstad in 1945, and to this union they were blessed with 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and,

*Whereas*, Dorothy resides at the Jenkins Living Center in Watertown and will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

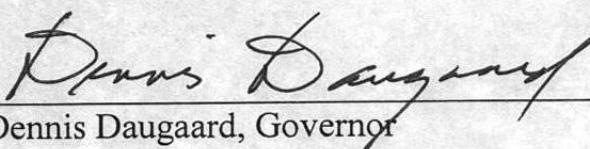
*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2017, as

## ***DOROTHY RUKSTAD DAY***

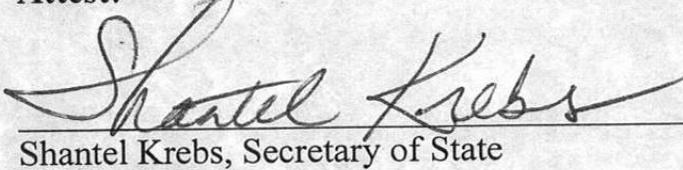
in South Dakota, and I join all her many family and friends in wishing her a happy birthday.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State